

 Early Warning System

IFC-50308

SLGP EC Acba



Quick Facts

Countries	Armenia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-12-09
Borrower	Acba Bank OJSC
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Education and Health, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 25.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 50.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the IFC, the proposed project consists of an unfunded Risk Sharing Facility (RSF) to Acba Bank OJSC (Acba Bank or the Bank), a commercial bank in Armenia with strong focus on agriculture sector. IFC will cover 50% of an up to US\$50 million equivalent portfolio consisting of eligible loans to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), resulting in an IFC exposure of up to US\$25 million equivalent. The RSF will support the Bank in expanding its SME-lending operations, enhancing access to finance for SMEs in Armenia, including women-owned businesses, agriculture and rural enterprises, and SMEs involved in health and education activities.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The IFC assigned risk category FI-2 to this project.



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Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [ACBA BANK OJSC](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Acba Bank OJSC is the parent company of the group comprising of the Bank and its subsidiaries, Acba Leasing Credit Organization CJSC and Acba Technolab LLC. The Bank was formed in 1996 as a cooperative bank with a collective ownership under the laws of the Republic of Armenia. In 2021, the Bank was reorganized into an open joint stock company as it went public in 2021 on the Armenian Stock Exchange. The Bank operates under a general banking license issued by the Central Bank of Armenia and is a member of the state deposit insurance system in the Republic of Armenia.



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